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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Strategic Warning Working Group Meeting--
7 March 1969

1. A considerable portion of the meeting was devoted to hearing a report by Dr. Tom Belden of IDA on the progress to date and proposed schedule of the IDA group making a study of the National Indications Center.

2. Belden said that he and one colleague had read the Thompson-Ramo-Woolridge report of 1962 on the NIC and the Shute Report of 1967 on the warning mechanism, that they had studied the input-output of the NIC, that they had served on night shifts with the junior watch officers of the NIC, and that they were now "analyzing the analysts" of NIC. He also said that the IDA team would examine other aspects of NIC's internal operations.

3. At some point fairly soon Belden would undertake a study of NIC's external relations which would involve tours of various watch offices around town and interviews with senior people in CIA, State, DIA and NSA. He wants to visit the CIA Ops Center and probably will want to talk to [redacted]. He may ask to talk to Mr. R. J. Smith. I suggested that he inform [redacted] of his wishes and that [redacted] could make the arrangements.

4. On other matters taken up at the meeting, there is still foot-dragging by NSA in turning in comments on the suggestions in the Czech post-mortem and by DIA, State and NSA in finishing their critiques of the CIA-prepared study on the

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long-range warning problem. In the latter case the only comments in hand at present are from DIA and those are only part of what they intend to say. [redacted] obviously miffed by the foot-dragging, urged the Czech comments be in his hands within the week and the long-range study comments by 31 March.

6. DIA and State described briefly their policies regarding passing material to NATO. Because of quite stringent restrictions, the US support of NATO is rather weak. NSA is checking on what SIGINT can be released regularly or in crisis situations.

8. The next SWWG meeting is scheduled for 4 April.

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TO: Mr. Proctor
Mr. Smith

FROM:

SUBJECT: Strategic Warning Working Group
Meeting on 7 March

REMARKS:

A member of the IDA team studying
the workings of the NIC wants to
visit the Agency to look at Indico
and the Operations Center, and to
talk to [redacted]
and possibly R. J. Smith.

*aren't enough people already
involved in P7?*

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